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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: Bjarne L. Christensen et al.

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)**

Sir:

Applicants request continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

☒ Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (*check at least one of the following*):

☐ Previously submitted:

- ☐ Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.
- ☐ Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

☒ Attached is/are:

- ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement
- ☒ An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
- ☐ New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability
- ☒ Other: A Petition and Fee for (three-month) Extension of Time (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

☐ Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby requests suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

☐ Small Entity Status:

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- ☐ A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ and such status is still proper and desired.
- ☐ Is no longer desired.

☒ Applicants calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

- ☒ A request fee of \$810.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- ☐ A suspension processing fee of \$\_\_\_\_ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).
- ☒ An additional filing fee of \$52.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (one additional independent claim).
- ☒ An extension fee of \$1,110.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a three-month extension of time.

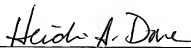
☒ Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fees:

- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$1,972.00.
- ☐ A payment by credit card in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE).

Respectfully submitted,

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